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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT NO.	
TOPIC	Soviet Troops Leaving the Rathenow Post		25X1
EVALUATION	see below		25X1
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REFERENCES			
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1. At 2 p.m. on 20 April 1953, about 300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, 4 x 160-mm mortars and 40 boxcarloads of equipment and ammunition from the Infanterie Kaserne were entrained at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station. At 2 p.m. on 21 April, a shipment of 15 x 122-mm howitzers, 45 trucks, and 8 boxcarloads of troops, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, from the Pionier Kaserne was entrained at the main station, and, a short time later, another shipment of 8 boxcarloads of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 14 to 16 x 122-mm field howitzer, [ ] was entrained there. At 12:15 p.m. on 22 April, a train including 8 boxcars occupied by troops, and 6 boxcars loaded with equipment; and carrying 8 x 122-mm field howitzers, 2 x 76.2-mm field guns, 35 trucks and 1 jeep was seen en route from the Rathenow-Nord railroad station to the main station. All these shipments allegedly went to Altengradow. On 26 April, the Infanterie Kaserne was occupied by a rear detail of 200 to 250 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; the Pionier Kaserne was occupied by a rear detail of 200 to 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; the Kraftfahrer Kaserne was occupied to capacity; and the Ziethen Kaserne was occupied as previously by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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2. From 19 to 22 April, each one shipment from the Infanterie Kaserne and the Pionier Kaserne in Rathenow were daily entrained. During the loadings, [ ] a total of 26 x 122-mm field howitzers, 28 mortars, [ ] 3 jeeps, 10 field kitchens, and 51 boxcarloads of troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. On 22 April, the Infanterie Kaserne appeared to be occupied by only a rear detail; the Pionier Kaserne was partially occupied; and the Kraftfahrer Kaserne was occupied to capacity by 800 to 900 troops. [ ]

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Comment. The information confirms the departure of the 65th Mort  
Erig (US) to Altengrabow which, according to information [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] took place between 19 and 21 April. [redacted]  
The beginning of the movement to Altengrabow of the 18th How Arty Erig  
(US), according to the reference report, was on 21 April, and appeared  
to have been completed on 22 April, according to this report. At least  
three shipments of the brigade, including at least 38 x 122-mm field  
howitzers, were entrained. The headquarters and headquarters units of  
the IV Arty Corps in the Ziethen Kaserne as well as the 25th RL Erig  
in the Kraftfahrer Kaserne can be carried in their quarters prior to  
26 April.

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